
Have You Paid Your Bill For The Second Semester?

Is your father sure of his job? Is your brother-in-law out of work? Are you sure of a job for the summer? Have you any worries about the months following graduation? Is there some friend of yours up against it? Is your pastor having a hard time trying to meet his bills? Are they paying the school teachers in your home town? Are your folks wondering where they will get the money to pay the taxes?.....

The Depression Novena is now two days old. If you haven't any needs of your own to make it for, offer it for the general intention proposed. If you are unwilling to do that, you are in a spiritual depression because you lack the garden variety of charity. The altar in the Dillon Hall chapel is receiving urgent petitions for this Novena.

Did You Receive on Christmas?

Under the title, "My Heart Is A Crowded Inn", the London Tablet published on December 24 this self-reproach of the 'Contrite Non-communicant at the end of Midnight Mass':

My Heart is a crowded Inn;
The World and Self and Sin
Sit, each a welcome Guest,
In this my Breast;
And so do Greed and Pride.

And, all the while, outside,
He tastes the Cold and Gloom,
For Whom
I have no Room. -X.

Statistical Religion.

In the Religious Survey made last spring a question asked was, "What fault have you to find with Notre Dame's program of spiritual and moral development?" A senior replied: "The opportunities are perfect; the 'system' (budgetizing, compulsion, etc., statistics) is far from the spirit of Christ."

We don't like to get far from the spirit of Christ, so we have taken stock of the criticism to see how far it is from that spirit. We must pass over the charge of budgetizing, since we have nothing to budget. As for compulsion, we have no power to compel. It comes down, then, to statistics.

Our surveys, records of Holy Communions, and the like, are diagnostic material. You can't blame a physician for looking for symptoms before he prescribes. Our Lord told us that we should, before beginning to build, sit down and reckon the charges necessary, whether we have wherewithal to finish. Our Lord, by His divine knowledge, knew the weak spots of his hearers; we have to dig them out by hard work. If we find a hall lagging, we want to know why; if we find a season lagging, we soon find out why.

If you want to see the chart of your religious fervor so far this year, look at the graph in the basement chapel. The statistics have told the story; the Bulletin has analyzed the situation for you and brought some of you back to the love of God. That can't be so far from the spirit of Christ.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Eugene Sullivan's father; F.R. Sullivan's grandfather; a priest-friend and a cousin of Geo. Belting. Ill - Father Wenninger (appendectomy); John Gleason (Dillon Hall) in the hospital; Louis Hruby's grandmothers; Walter Riley's uncle (Col. Riley, a trustee); the mother of Harold Hatch, '26; Harold Gooden's mother; a friend. Six special intentions.